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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Applicant provided the incorrect filing date for 10/188,447 on the Application data sheet filed 9/19/03.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 19, 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the

alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Marzocchi et al. # 4,362,780.

Marzocchi et al. discloses a method of improving a paved surface comprising the steps:

Applying a layer of liquefied asphalt on a surface.

Applying a non-woven mat over the liquefied asphalt.

Applying a layer of paving material over the mat.

Wherein the mat comprises mineral fibers.

Although Marzocchi et al. discloses a method of improving a paved surface, utilizing a mat comprising non-woven mineral fibers, such as glass, wherein the mat is resistant to

shrinkage and does not elongate greater than 5% when exposed to 90% of the mats load strength, as claimed; Marzocchi et al. explicitly recites the use of glass, fusible rock or slag, ceramic or aluminum silicate fibers, which obviously, if not inherently do not elongate more than 5% when exposed to 9% of the ultimate load strength of the mat disclosed by Marzocchi et al.

With respect to Claim 22, although Marzocchi et al. does not disclose the melting point(temp.) of the mineral fibers, Marzocchi et al. explicitly recites the use of glass, fusible rock or slag, ceramic or aluminum silicate fibers. Further, it is inherent that the cited mineral fibers have a melting point above 350⁰F. See Col. 3.

Response to Arguments

3. It is noted Applicants have failed to file any arguments in favor of the claimed invention, or against the rejections cited in the last office action; with the filing of the RCE on 11/9/05. Hence, it appears as though Applicant is in agreement with the rejections cited in the last office action and repeated above.

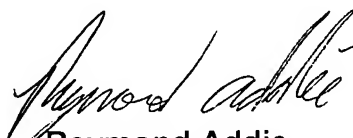
Further, Applicant is directed to the Examiner's response to arguments cited in the last office action.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raymond Addie whose telephone number is (571) 272-6986. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Saturday from 7:00 am to 2:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas B. Will, can be reached on (571) 272-6998.

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